CANDIDATE FOR GOVERNING BOARD MEMBER APPLE VALLEY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

NAME: RICHARD L. SAUERS

I am 64 years old and have lived in the High Desert since 1963. My wife Diane and I have been married for 42 years and have one daughter and one granddaughter. My teaching career began at Victor Valley High School where I taught Social Science until 1967 when I moved to the new Apple Valley High School. Twenty eight years later (1995) I became an assistant principal at Apple Valley and in November of 1997 I was appointed principal of the town's second high school - later named Granite Hills. After 41 plus years (January 9, 2004) I retired. In addition to my educational career, I published a nationally recognized quarterly sports ethics journal (60,000 distribution) from 1980 to 1994.

My philosophy of education has always revolved around having safe nurturing schools - ones that are well managed and staffed with educators and support personnel that are competent, enthusiastic and dedicated to preparing students for their adult lives. I believe that today, more than ever before, schools and the community need to know that their board and district office are looking for and finding effective ways to assist site personnel in running safe, civil and successful learning centers.